

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Master Sergeant Ross A. Murphey's dedication to service has made him a valuable asset to this state and country; and,

Whereas, We have very few occasions to recognize the patriotic individuals for their service to this state and country; and,

Whereas, Master Sergeant Murphey has devoted over 42 years of his life to the service of this state and country as an Engineer and leader in the South Dakota National Guard, including service in Panama, Nicaragua, Kuwait, and Iraq; and,

Whereas, His loyalty and leadership have made him a cornerstone in the Armed Forces of this country; and,

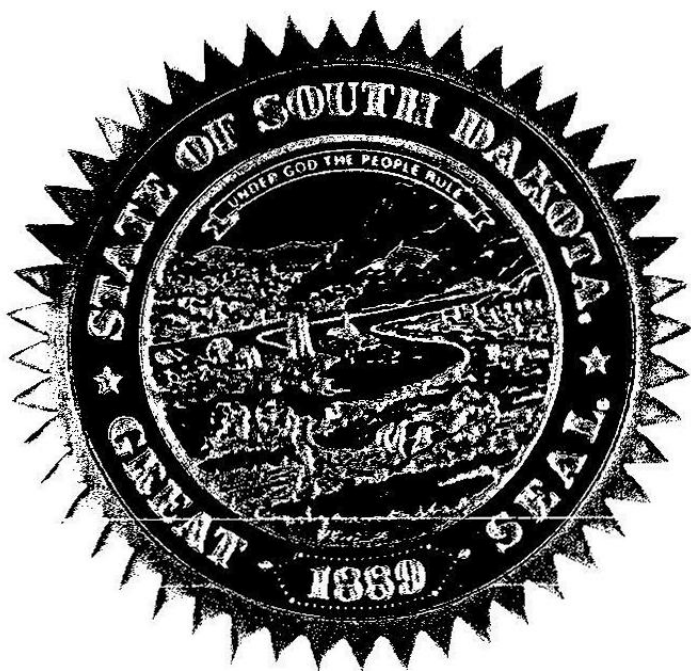
Whereas, Master Sergeant Murphey continues to give of himself; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to commend Master Sergeant Ross A. Murphey for more than 42 years of dedicated and outstanding service to this state and country:

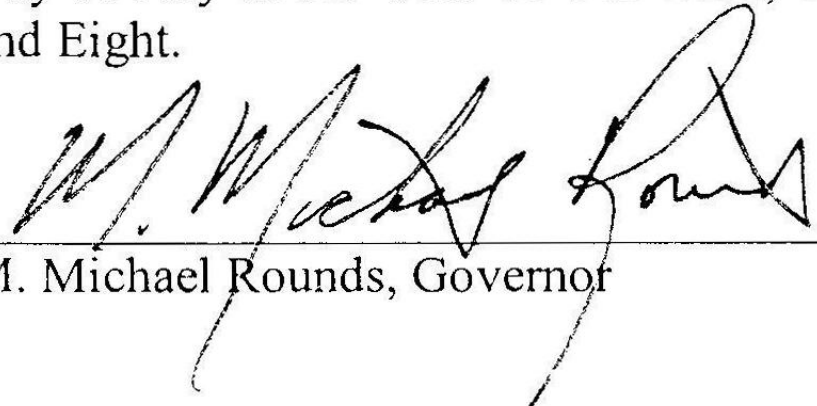
Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim August 13, 2008, as

MASTER SERGEANT ROSS A. MURPHEY DAY

in South Dakota, and I join with his family and friends in wishing him well in his retirement and thanking him for his service to the state of South Dakota and to the United States of America.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eighth Day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:



Chris Nelson, Secretary of State